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SUBJECT: ICRC APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

IN CHILE

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1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL, MISSION OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING ICRC PROGRAM IN CHILE.

2. ICRC EXPENSES IN CHILE FROM SEPTEMBER 11 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1973 ESTIMATED AT 200,000 SWISS FRANCS AND WERE COVERED BY REGULAR ICRC BUDGET EXCEPT FOR AMOUNTS REQUIRED FOR RELIEF OPERATION FOR POLITICAL DETAINEES, WHICH EXPENSES LARGELY COVERED BY CONTRIBUTIONS BY RED CROSS NATIONAL SOCIETIES. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1974 REGULAR ICRC BUDGET UNABLE FINANCE CONTINUING PROGRAM IN CHILE AND SEPARATE BUDGET OF 785,000 SWISS FRANCS, TO BE FINANCED BY SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS WAS ESTABLISHED FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1-JUNE 30, 1974.

3. OF ABOVE TOTAL, 190,000 SWISS FRANCS INCLUDED FOR RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO DETAINEES AND REMAINING 595,000 SWISS FRANCS REQUIRED FOR OPERATING COSTS OF 12 FIELD DELEGATES PLUS SECRETARIAL

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AND LOCAL TECHNICAL HELP. EIGHT DELEGATES, INCLUDING THREE MEDICAL

DOCTORS, SPEND FULL TIME VISITING DETENTION CENTERS. THERE ARE ALSO TWO DELEGATES FROM THE CENTRAL TRACING AGENCY IN GENEVA WHO ARE KEEPING RECORDS ON EACH DETAINEE VISITED BY ICRC AS WELL AS ALL SPECIAL CASES (MISSING PERSONS, REFUGEES IN EMBASSIES, AND UNDERGROUND REFUGEES). IN ALL, RECORDS ARE KEPT ON MORE THAN 10,000 PERSONS BY ICRC CHILE. ONE DELEGATE SPENDS FULL TIME ON RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO DETAINEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THERE ARE SIX FULL OR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES SECONDED FROM THE CHILE RED CORSS BUT PAID BY ICRC.

4. WHILE ICRC HAS NOT YET DRAWN UP BUDGET FOR SECOND HALF OF 1974, IT EXPECTS EXPENDITURES TO BE AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LEVEL AS THOSE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1974.

5. FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR 1974 PROGRAM:

SWISS FRANCS

SWEDEN	(GOVERNMENT)	231,050
AUSTRALIA	(NATIONAL RED CROSS)	2,364
NORWAY	(GOVERNMENT)	138,250
GREAT BRITAIN	(NATIONAL RED CROSS)	14,800
CANADA	(NATIONAL RED CROSS)	15,000
FINLAND	(GOVERNMENT)	80,000
TOTAL RECEIVED		481,464

IN ADDITION, SWISS GOVERNMENT HAS MADE FIRM PROMISE OF 125,000 SWISS FRANCS AND POLISH RED CROSS HAS ANNOUNCED CONTRIBUTION OF 10,000 SWISS FRANCS ALTHOUGH ICRC NOT HOPEFUL RECEIVING LATTER CONTRIBUTION. ICRC ALSO AWARE USG CONTRIBUTION OF \$25,000 IS EN ROUTE.DALE

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